

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In regard to the application of Philippe RICHARD

Appln. No.: 10/643,734

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Title: MANAGED INFORMATION TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRONIC  
ITEMS IN A NETWORK ENVIRONMENT

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TC/AU: 2132

Examiner: J. Kim

ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2007,  
Applicant elects for immediate prosecution on the merits  
Invention I, claims 1-13.

This election is made with traverse. Applicant  
respectfully submits that it is not appropriate to split claims  
18-26 into two separate groups. That is because the searches  
would substantially overlap and any additional search necessary  
to search all of claims 18-26 versus only claims 18-22 or only  
claims 23-26 would be only marginal and would not constitute an  
undue burden on the Examiner. For these reasons, Applicant  
respectfully asks that the restriction requirement be modified  
so that identified Inventions III and IV are consolidated for  
examination together.

The Director of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office is authorized to charge any necessary fees, and conversely, deposit any credit balance, to Deposit Account No. 18-1579.

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